

REMARKS

Original Claims 24 and 26 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Original Claim 25 has been amended to remove a multiple dependency and to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1. New Claim 27 has been added which resubmits subject matter removed by canceling the multiple dependency of Claim 26. A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added. No new matter has been added.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith to cite references from the PCT Search Report. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

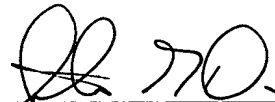
CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036

Respectfully submitted,

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